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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Lawrence R. FINCHAM

Serial No.: 10/074,604

Filed: February 11, 2002

 For: SOUND SYSTEM AND METHOD  
 OF SOUND REPRESENTATION

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 ) Group Art Unit: 4826  
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 ) Examiner: Michalski, Justin I.  
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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action and Exhibit A for the above-identified application.

Applicant(s) petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 [fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)] for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY		FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
1 month	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$110.00
2 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$210.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$420.00
3 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$475.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$950.00
4 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$740.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,480.00

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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 Date: February 25, 2004 Sent by: Connie Kwon Signature: Connie Kwon

Extension fee due with this Request \_\_\_\_.

**NO ADDITIONAL EXTENSION FEE IS REQUIRED.**

**FEES FOR CLAIMS:**

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

The fees for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) have been calculated as shown below:

Total Claims	48	-	58	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	-	6	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$290	(if applicable)				<input type="checkbox"/>		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>								\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.								<input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00
<b>Extension Fee</b>								\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HEREWITH</b>								\$0.00

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No Additional Fee Is Required.

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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003. Claims 1-58 are pending in the instant application. Initially Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowability of claims 8-10, 18, 19, 30, 42, 54, and 55 (subject to being rewritten in independent form). Claims 1-7, 11-17, 20-29, 31-41, 43-53, and 56-58, however, presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over various cited items. Without acquiescence in the grounds of the rejection, Applicant herein has amended independent claims 1, 13, 24, 35, and 46 to incorporate the limitations of certain allowed dependent claims and the intervening dependent claims (specifically, claims 8, 17, 18, 29, 30, 36, 40, 42, 54), and have consequently canceled those same dependent claims. It is therefore believed that all of the currently pending claims are in condition for final allowance.

Accordingly, please amend this application as shown herein. In view of the amendments herein, final allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.